Latin America and the Caribbean is one of two regions that, by 2013, had achieved the goal of reducing by two-thirds the mortality rate among children aged under 5 years.

**Determinants**
- Mass vaccination schemes
- Oral rehydration therapy
- Breastfeeding
- Health check-ups
- Better coverage of basic services

**In 2013 there were 196,000 deaths among children aged under 5 years in the region.**

- 50% of these die in the first 28 days
- 60% of these die before age 1
- 1 child dies every 3 minutes somewhere in Latin America and the Caribbean

**The region eradicated measles almost completely in the early 2000s, thanks to national child vaccination programmes and campaigns.**

- Despite this progress, cases originating in other parts of the world have caused isolated outbreaks in some countries in Latin America.

**Target 4A:** Reduce by two-thirds, between 1990 and 2015, the under-five mortality rate among children aged under 5 years in the region.

**Continue efforts to maintain coverage levels, especially in more vulnerable areas.**

**Safe birth and effective neonatal care**
- The first 48 hours after birth are the most critical time for newborn survival
- Strengthen health systems

**Neonatal period**
- Premature births
- Birth asphyxia
- Infections

**In 2013**

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